

- You can drop this course before Friday, January 14 without any record on your transcript. Carefully evaluate your position and ability in this course before this date, especially if you have not yet taken or are concurrently taking Math 310, 312, or 315.
- I will not give “WP” or “WF” grades in this class. If you want to withdraw from this class with a “W” then you must do so before the university’s withdraw deadline.
- Do not fall behind in this class. If you do, it may be impossible for you to catch up.
- Come to class on time and be ready for the daily quizzes... the points really add up fast!
- Read the book carefully and make sure you understand the material and how it is developed. If you do not read the book you will quickly become very lost in this class.
- Be sure that you know basic definitions, examples, counterexamples, and theorem statements. Such things are the heart of mathematics.
- Math is about *understanding*, not memorizing; if you are memorizing a lot of things you may be studying the wrong way.
- Do homework problems as soon as possible after class. Work in groups and discuss the mathematics out loud. Although homework problems are not collected, the amount of time you spend working on homework problems may be the most significant predictor of your grade in this class.
- Don’t forget that your participation on discussion days counts towards your grade. Be prepared and ready to discuss the material and homework problems.
- Start working on the take-home tests as soon as possible. If you wait until the last minute you will not be able to finish in time.
- Start reviewing for the final exam days or weeks before the exam day (cramming just doesn’t work in upper-level mathematics).
- Please participate in class! Ask lots of questions!! It makes class more interesting, forces me to slow down a bit, and helps the other students in the class. The point of lecture is for me to help you learn, not for me to bore or confuse you to death.
- It is my job to help you learn the material any way I can. However, ultimately it is *your* job to learn the material. Take responsibility for your learning. That means take the time to actually think about the material and seek help when you need it.
- Stay in touch with me; let me know if you are having problems in or out of class. I am always happy to talk to you about any issue.